



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 28, 2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-63: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$815,111.20 IN ACOG AIR QUALITY GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE JAMES GARNER AVENUE INTERSECTION WITH ACRES STREET IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Air Quality Grant Program Funds, a part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, as administered through the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) will be available in a 2025 Call for Projects. ACOG is making up to \$4,000,000 available to fund congestion mitigation projects such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Eligible entities can submit projects for consideration at a minimum size of \$50,000 up to a maximum size of \$1,000,000. In this Call for Projects, ACOG will coordinate a regional evaluation process to identify projects eligible for this federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established set of criteria.

DISCUSSION:

By the end of October 2025, staff will submit a project to convert the existing north/south STOP controlled intersection of Acres Street at James Garner Avenue to a roundabout. This intersection has been problematic ever since the portion of James Garner Avenue was opened to Flood Avenue. The location of the BNSF Railroad crossing just east of the intersection makes it challenging to implement many solutions without compromising the integrity of the City's Railroad Quiet Zone. A roundabout has risen to the top as the best solution to address the traffic issues at this intersection. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project with a cost that matches the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be submitted to ACOG as part of the project application. A conceptual layout of a future roundabout is attached.

While the most recent cost estimate indicates the anticipated construction cost to be \$1,018,889, grant funding totaling \$815,111.20 (80%) is being sought through the ACOG Air Quality Grant Program. This would mean that a total of \$203,777.80 (20%) will represent the local match. The existing Norman Forward Fund, James Garner Avenue, Phase 2 Construction (Account

51594405- 46101; Project NFP109) currently has \$286,398.65 in available funds that can provide the local match should the grant application be successful.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2526-63 (Construction of a Roundabout at the James Garner Avenue Intersection with Acres Street in Norman) requesting \$815,111.20 in ACOG Air Quality Grant Funding for eighty percent (80%) of the estimated construction cost.